

# Patriot Day - Remembering September 11, 2001

## Websites and Activities

As the anniversary of 9 -11 approaches, teachers and schools are seeking ways to acknowledge the events and sacrifices of that day. The Arizona Department of Education offers the following information for Arizona's educators.

On December 18, 2001, President George W. Bush signed legislation to designate September 11 as Patriot Day. Each year, the President of the United States will issue a proclamation to commemorate those who lost their lives in the tragedy of the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001. The proclamation calls upon Americans to honor those fallen heroes by flying the flag of the United States at half-mast, observing a moment of silence in their honor, and participating in appropriate programs and activities in their memory.

The following websites offer a wide variety of lessons and resources for K-12 teachers who wish to commemorate Patriot Day in their classrooms.

***This list is not exhaustive nor is it meant as an endorsement of any particular site or product. It is hoped that this will provide some helpful information that may be of use to teachers.***

### [9/11 As History](#)

#### **All Grades**

This site offers 16 Web-based, age-appropriate lesson plans to help educators appropriately commemorate September 11 in grades Pre K-12. Lessons are tied to national education standards.

Grades PreK-5 lessons topics include: Safety and Fear; Empathy; Heroes; and Hope and Resiliency.

Grades 6-12 lesson topics include: Diversity and Compassion; Values; Social and Civic Action; Current Events and the Media; and Connections to History.

### [California Department of Education](#)

#### **All Grades**

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The CDE gives websites, booklists, and other resources to aid teachers in commemorating September 11.

### [Constitutional Rights Foundation](#)

#### **High School**

Reflecting on September 11

The CRF provides a series of online lessons and resources designed for classroom use.

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## [Education World](#)

### **All Grades**

This site has collected background information, lessons, and ideas to help teachers explain and teach the events of September 11, 2001. The list includes a wide variety of resources appropriate for all grade levels.

## [Governor's 9/11 Memorial Commission](#)

The Governor's Commission website shares information about Arizona's efforts to commemorate September 11, 2001.

## [National Council for the Social Studies](#)

### **Middle School - High School**

This site lists over 20 articles and ideas for a variety of topics including terrorism, tolerance, personal freedom, and patriotism.

## [PBS](#)

### **All Grades**

In the days immediately following the September 11, 2001 terrorism attacks, PBS pulled together resources to help educators teach students about peace, tolerance, war, patriotism, geography, and other related issues. Although time has passed, educators can continue to use these valuable resources to teach lessons on these important subjects.

## [PBS NewsHour](#)

### **High School**

*A NewsHour Extra - Life after 9.11* – Background, lessons, student reaction, *NewsHour* Coverage and Latest Stories on September 11 are compiled for both teachers and students.

## [Public Law No: 107-89 107<sup>th</sup> Congress](#)

This is the Joint Resolution which designated September 11 as Patriot Day.

## [Sesame Workshop Education and Research Division](#)

### **Preschool - Primary**

Tragic Times, Healing Words

Although designed to give suggestions to parents for ways of talking to young children about tragic events, it provides good information for teachers also.

## [The White House](#)

### **All Grades**

This site has a clickable map which highlights events and reactions to September 11 from around the world. The link to Proclamations, under News, will lead to copies of past Presidential Proclamations given for Patriot Day.

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## **Social Studies Resource Page**

<http://www.ade.state.az.us/SA/sdi/socstudies.asp>